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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 AZ CORP COMMISSION 2 **GARY PIERCE** DOCKET CONTROL Chairman 3 2012 JUL **BOB STUMP** 9 PM 3 36 Commissioner 4 Arizona Corporation Commission DOCKETE PAUL NEWMAN 5 Commissioner JUL 06 2012 6 SANDRA D. KENNEDY DOCKETED BY 7 Commissioner 8 **BRENDA BURNS** Commissioner 9 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION DOCKET NO. W-01303A-11-0101 OF ARIZONA-AMERICAN WATER 10 COMPANY FOR A WAIVER UNDER SUPPLEMENT OF **COMPLIANCE FILING** A.A.C. R14-2-806 OR, IN THE 11 ALTERNATIVE, NOTICE OF INTENT TO REGARDING LONG TERM REORGANIZE ÚNDER A.A.C. R14-2-803 12 DEBT 13 On March 22, 2012, EPCOR Water Arizona Inc. ("EWAZ") provided its 14 compliance filing regarding replacement debt incurred resulting from its recent acquisition 15 of Arizona-American Water Company ("AAW"). 16 Due to recent follow-up conversations with Commission Staff, EWAZ is now 17 supplementing the earlier compliance filing with the information it recently provided to 18 Commission Staff in response to its informal questions. 19 In evaluating the March 22, 2012 filing, Commission Staff, as part of its own 20 compliance effort, is reviewing responses AAW provided to RUCO DR 2.1 and DR 2.2 21 (attached herein) which provided the debt outstanding at the time of this RUCO DR 22 (received April 20, 2011) as well as indicated the anticipated disposition of each debt item 23 following the transaction. 24 EWAZ now supplements its responses. As regards RUCO DR 2.2, EWAZ 25

supplements by noting that debt item #8 for \$10.635 m was also paid off and replaced as

part of the transaction. As regards RUCO DR 2.1, EWAZ supplements its response by

noting that debt item #8's lender after August 2010 was "internal" and no longer "IDA." It became internal debt in a transaction undertaken as per authority granted in Commission Decision No. 71630.

EWAZ clarifies that the figure of \$169.7 million provided in EWAZ's March 22, 2012 compliance filing on Page 2, line 22 is comprised of the debt items 1, 2, 3 and 8 from RUCO DR 2.1.

EWAZ further supplements RUCO DR 2.1 by noting that the issuance cost adjusted interest rate for debt item #8 was 5.45%, not 5.25% as stated in the original response to RUCO DR 2.1. Furthermore, recent Commission Decision No. 73145 accepted 5.45% for debt item #8 (which was debt outstanding during that case) for ratemaking purposes.

EWAZ confirms that, as earlier indicated, RUCO DR 2.1 debt items 1 – 4 and 8 – 12 were paid off and replaced as part of the transaction. Debt item 5, short-term debt, was reduced and replaced at \$9,246,000 following close. Debt items 6 and 7 remain with EWAZ unchanged by the transaction.

In the response to RUCO DR 2.1, items 1-5 and 8-12 (i.e., those fully or partially eliminated) totaled \$244.8 m; whereas, following close the replacement debt totaled \$240,246,000. Therefore, the aggregate debt following close of the transaction as compared to the aggregate debt indicated in response to RUCO DR 2.1 was approximately \$4.6 m lower.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of July, 2012.

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RUCO 2.1

Q. <u>Debt Replacements</u> Please refer to lines 18 through 20 of page 8 of AAWC's Application which states the following: "As part of this transaction, at closing, EPCOR will replace the existing Arizona-American debt extended by American Water with debt extended by EPCOR under comparable terms ("Debt Replacements")." In regard to this statement, please provide an itemized list of the debt obligations that will be replaced by EPCOR at the time of the proposed transaction closes that includes the following information:

- (a) name of debt issuances/loans
- (b) name of lenders (if applicable)
- (c) maturity date of debt issuances/loans
- (d) stated interest rate on debt issuances/loans
- (e) original amount financed through debt issuances/loans
- (f) current balance on debt issuances/loans

A. See chart below for outstanding debt obligations.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	5.39%Series A	Internal	12/21/2013	5.39%	\$24.7M	\$24.7M
2.	5.52% Series B	Internal	12/21/2016	5.52%	\$11.2M	\$11.2M
3.	5.62% Series C	Internal	12/21/2018	5.62%	\$123.1M	\$123.1M
4.	144A Bonds	Internal	10/15/2037	6.593%	\$16.45M	\$16.45M
5.	Short Term Debt	Internal	N/A	Approx40% to .79% based on actual and budgeted information for 2011	N/A	Approx. \$57.6M
6.	WIFA American Recovery and Reinvestment Loan	WIFA	11/1/2029	3.938%	\$839,726	\$809,219
7.	Tolleson Muni Refunding Bond (Guarantee by American Water)	Tolleson	5/1/2015	Variable	\$8.56M	\$8.56M
8.	Tax Exempt AMT Bonds Issued by the IDA of Maricopa, AZ	IDA	9/1/2028	5.25%	\$10.635M	\$10.635M

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
9.	Neighborhood Installment Agreement Monterrey		8/1/2012	6.26%	\$114,503	\$15,712
10.	Neighborhood Installment Agreement Rosalee		8/1/2013	5.76%	\$80,891	\$11,668
11.	Neighborhood Installment Agreement TO Development		8/1/2015	7.18%	\$69,278	\$28,453
12.	Neighborhood Installment Agreement Montex		8/1/2015	7.18%	\$55,050	\$24,372

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RUCO 2.2

Q. <u>Debt Replacements</u> In regard to the itemized list requested in RUCO 2.1, please identify which specific Arizona-American debt issuance/loans will be replaced by EPCOR.

A. Items #1 through #5 will be replaced by EPCOR. It is likely that American Water will pay off items #9 through #12 at the time of Closing. However, to maintain the existing capital structure, EPCOR will need to issue new debt to replace these items.